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1. SUMMARY: ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR HAS REVIEWED FORTH-COMING XCNS MEETING WITH FONOFF DIRGEN DE DOBBELEER. DE DOBBELEER (WHO WILL HEAD BELGIAN DELEGATION) EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICIES AND CREATION OF AD HOC GROUP. HE ALSO EXPRESSED PERSONAL AGREEMENT THAT EAST/ WEST TRADE SHOULD BE GIVEN GREATER ATTENTION. ON OTHER ISSUES HE HAD NO COMMENT, SUGGESTING AT LEAST BELGIAN NEUTRALITY. HE PROPOSED TO DISCUSS OUR POSITIONS WITH HEAD OF BELGIAN OECD DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ECOMCOUNS HAS DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING OECD XCNS MEETING AT LENGTH WITH AMBASSADOR DE DOBBELEER, DIRGEN OF FOREIGN TRADE SECTION, FONOFF. WE WERE TOLD BY DE DOBBELEER THAT HE WOULD HEAD THE BELGIAN DELEGATION TO THE MEETING. THIS SEEMS TO US THE HIGHEST- RANKING BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE POSSIBLE SINCE KEMPINAIRE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN TRADE IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, IS NEW TO HIS POST AND WITHOUT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE. KEMPINAIRE WOULD CERTAINLY BE LESS DESIRABLE THAN DE DOBBELEER AS CHIEF OF THE DELEGATION.

3. ON AGENDA ITEM 1, DE DOBBELEER HAD NO PROBLEM WITH DISCUSSING INTERRELATIONSHIP OF ECONOMIC ISSUES SO LONG AS WE AVOID FRUITLESS DISCUSSIONS ON WHETHER MONETARY OR TRADE ISSUES MUST BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY OR TOGETHER. DE DOBBELEER THOUGHT THE SUGGESTION OF A STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT ISSUES AN EXCELLENT PROPOSAL WHICH MADE SENSE. HE WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SECRETARIAT'S PAPER UNDER THIS HEADING ENTERS TOO MUCH INTO INTERNATIONAL MONETARY PROBLEMS AND FAILS TO CONCENTRATE ON THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE. HE TOOK NO EXCEPTION TO THE PROPOSAL FOR AN AD HOC GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT.

4. DE DOBBELEER TOOK CAREFUL NOTES ON OUR POSITION ON SAFEGUARDS AND ON CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPACT OF LIBERALIZATION OF AGRICULTURE. HE HAD NO COMMENT OTHER THAN TO EXPRESS CERTAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP

ON AGRICULTURAL LIBERALIZATIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY. DE DOBBELEER HAD NOTHING TO SAY ON THE NTB ITEM.

5. DE DOBBELEER PERSONALLY WAS PERSUADED OF THE NEED FOR OECD TO DEVOTE ITSELF MORE TO EAST/ WEST TRADE. HE SAID HE HAD TRIED TO BRING HIS EC PARTNERS AROUND TO HIS POINT OF VIEW WITHOUT SUCCESS. HE REMAINED CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS AN AREA IN WHICH THE OECD SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE.

6. WE DID NOT DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM 4. HOWEVER, DE DOBBELEER THOUGHT THAT THE SECRETARIAT' S PAPER COVERED THE ENTIRE RANGE OF PRE- TRADE NEGOTIATION TOPICS WHICH WAS A SOMEWHAT AMBITIOUS APPROACH.

7. DE DOBBELEER EXPRESSED SPECIAL APPRECIATION FOR RECEIVING AN EXPLANATION OF OUR VIEWS, SINCE HE EXPECTED TO MEET WITH OCKRENT, HEAD OF BELGIAN OECD DELEGATION VERY SHORTLY. FOR THAT REASON HE TOOK MORE THAN THE USUAL NUMBER OF NOTES TO PREPARE HIMSELF FOR HIS DISCUSSION WITH OCKRENT. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT BELGIANS WILL SUPPORT US ON CREATION OF AD HOC GROUP AND ON THE PREPARATION OF A STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICIES. ON THOSE ITEMS WHERE DE DOBBELEER FAILED TO COMMENT WE CAN AT LEAST EXPECT BELGIAN NEUTRALITY, LEAVING THE ULTIMATE POSITION TO OTHER EC MEMBERS.
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